



# BRYAN

Has Reached the Jumpin' Off Place—  
Throws Sop to the Catholics by  
Praising the New Pope's  
Decree (?)

Billy Bryan didn't have sense enough to close up his mouth after two presidential defeats, and bide his time like a wise man until his party recovered from its chagrin. He wouldn't let it forget but just kept on mouthing until it had become wearied of him, and now there's none but himself to do him justice.

Bryan has several of the elements of greatness. He is a great orator; he has won powerful personal friends; but he has been given enough to demand that Humanity shall have some consideration in politics. For all these he has won friends and still holds him, and I say, "That he is not strong in defeat; and that he permits little weaknesses to knock the progs from under all that is great in him." To me he is now talking Morals and Religion—the last gasp of the dying politician.

In a recent syndicated letter, he tells of his visit to the new Pope—and goes far out in the Pope's favor—but that is nothing which every one has kind of grown weary of. Will he now talk Morals and Religion—the last gasp of the dying politician?

While the statesmen of Italy and France, who have felt the edge of Catholicism, are still in the Pope's power, and his impious system of mental enslavement up to the light of the world, W. J. Bryan, a Democrat, a supposed Democrat, holds the keys for the respect of the people of this republic.

Who did he do it? The reason is plain enough. He has shown himself to be a ravenous politician. He is suffering from lack of political news and is extremely unrepresentative. He has even gone so far as to lie about the Pope in order to have superstitious turn at him.

What a difference between Bryan and French, Cardinal of France or member of the Assembly, Jaurès!

I print below extracts of Bryan's article. He says:

"The dominant feature of Rome is its religious feature, and it is fitting that it should be so, for it is the soul of the world. Who has not heard those who first harkened to the voice of the Nazarene—here a cruel Nero lighted his gardens with human torches, little that he could do to make the world burn in time illuminate the world."

"The fact that the city is the capital of the Catholic world is apparent everywhere. All interest is centered in the Vatican and St. Peter's."

"The civil government of Italy extends over the Papal States, but the papal authority of Rome reaches to the remotest corners of the earth."

"It was anxious to see the man whom we were to respond to the Pope, and whose words are profoundly known to millions of the human race. Lord Denbigh, of England, had given me a letter to the Pope, and the Cardinal, Merry del Val, the Papal Secretary of State, and armed with this I visited the Vatican."

A Pope audience received us in his private audience room, adjoining the public audience chamber, where distinguished Catholics from all over the world were to be presented to be presented and receive the Papa blessing.

"The private audience room is a rather small apartment, simply but beautifully furnished and decorated. A throne bearing the papal crown occupied one side of the room."

Holy oil was very courteous and cordially. He wore a long white cassock, with a girdle at the waist. The Pectoral's ring was on his finger, and a worn, small, slightly fitting cap of white.

"His Holiness has always gained a reputation as a democratic Pontiff, a man of large and growing popularity with the people."

"There is a friend in Rome that Bryan would like to know in his story as a reformer, not as a reformer of doctrine, but as one who will popularize the church's position with a view of the masses in the application or religious truth to everyday life."

"I assured His Holiness that I appreciated the Pope's desire to give him the opportunity to give impetus to the moral forces of the world and he replied:

"I hope my efforts in that direction will be such as to merit commendation."

These are the words either of a ignorant fawner and kick-splitter, an ignorant man or a fool.

There is many a wise enough in finance and business to account for his million dollars, yet he has little knowledge of the world's history, literature and science and actually and honestly believes that a glib-tongued, well educated, young man and all the other foolish and childish statements of the Bible. Such a man is wise on one thing, the ignorance of most people. I believe that there are eminent college professors and statesmen who honestly believe all this. They have been hoodwinked into believing at 70, just what they believe at 10. Bryan may be very ignorant, but he is not alone in that.

The "Dominant Feature" always holds up the worst features of Hindu civilization for comparison with the best of Christian civilization. They do not stop short of the best, however, and the impression is left that their descriptions of the worst features of Hindu life, represent Paganism.

The Christian apologist of today is always sure to hold up Nero as the typical pagan. They say that what Bryan knows about Nero is that he has heard preachers tell, and of course they know it all, and always

much by exposing his ignorance by exposing his hypocrisy.

Let us look at some of Bryan's statements:

**The Dominant Feature.**

He says "the dominant feature of Rome is its religious feature" Is that so? Does religion dominate the city? Would he consider that he controls the ignorant mob element? Isn't it true that the State is letting him down and out as far as he has come? In fact, that the State has introduced the common school and compulsory education in order to overcome the Papal influence, ignorant and by education gradually lead the people away from the church, and thus settle the question of superstition which does not exist.

If religion is dominant, in Rome that does the Pope shut himself up in the Vatican?

Yes! It is Freemasons, Infidels and Socialists control Parliament.

An anti-slavery bill, which has returned from Rome says that the people there show no particular respect for the Emperor, and so all to the Pope, but the Pope is in complete control and "the dominant feature" is not the church by a long jump.

He saw in Florence an anti-Catholic

and Socialists with 12,000 people in line,

and the streets crowded with people cheering. He says that respect for the Papacy is more than his country is ten times greater than anywhere in Europe.

America, you know, always gets the tail end of all the things.

Bryan says that it is fitting that Rome should be the religious center of the world, because the first Christian blood was shed there.

He might have said of the

millions massacred and

torture and torture and inquisition

and torture and the millions

of people whose blood reddened

the streets of Rome and Italy.

Or the millions who were

burned up in the

churches of Europe.

Proper precautions were taken to keep the fire from spreading.

Every one of course came to

see the big fire and crowded on

the roofs and every point of

the city was selected a good view.

They had a feast spread and enjoyed themselves generally.

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advances of the

people.

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